(iii) Training Programmes for detecting counterfeit currency are regularly undertaken by RBI.

(iv) RBI has also initiated the process of installing Note Sorting Machines at bank branches (a) having large cash transactions (b) located along international border areas and (c) where large number of counterfeits have been detected frrequently.

(v) Display of posters on 'Know Your Bank notes' by bank branches for the benefit of the customers.

Sick Public Sector units in country

53. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of sick Public Sector Units as of today;

(b) the total estimated losses of these units during the last three financial years, unit-wise;

(c) the steps being taken to revive these units;

(d) whether Government is proposing the disinvestment route to reduce the burden on the exchequer to maintain and run these sick Public Sector Units; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV); (a) Based on the Public Enterprises Survey 2005-06, 75 CPSEs were identified as sick for making reference to the Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE). Proposals in respect of 58 cases have been referred to BRPSE by different Ministries. BRPSE has made recommendations in respect of 50 CPSEs.

(b) A list showing profits/(-) losses of 75 sick CPSEs for the last three financial years, is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) The Government constituted the Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) as a part-time advisory body to advise the Government *vis-a-vis* the strategies, measures and schemes for strengthening, modernization, revival and restructuring of sick and loss making CPSEs.

Based on the recommendations of BRPSE, the Government have approved revival of 28 CPSEs and closure of 2 CPSEs involving a total assistance of Rs. 8430.48 crore (i.e. cash assistance of Rs. 1976.13 crore and non cash assistance of Rs. 6454.35 crore).

(d) and (e) National Common Minimum Programme of the Government stipulates that the Government is committed to a strong and effective public sector whose social objectives are met by its commercial functioning and while every effort will be made to modernize and restructure sick public sector companies, chronically loss making companies will either be sold-off, or closed, after all workers have got their legitimate dues and compensation.

Based on the recommendations of BRPSE, sick and loss making CPSEs such as NEPA Ltd., HMT Bearings Ltd., Richardson & Cruddas Ltd., Tungabhadra Steel Products Ltd., British India Corporation Ltd., HMT Machine Tools Ltd., Central Inland Water Transport Corporation and Tyre Corporation of India Ltd. have been identified by the Government for revival through joint venture.

Statement

List of 75 sick CPSEs and their profits/(-) losses for the period 2004-05 *to* 2006-07

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	2006-07	2005-06	2004-05
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Air India Charters Ltd.	-7053	135	-306
2.	Airline Allied Services Ltd.	-8536	-5654	-2968
3.	Andaman & Nicobar ISL. Forest & Plant. Dev. Corp. Ltd.	-1340	-1215	-1313
4.	Andrew Yule & Company Ltd.	-8957	-7407	-7544
5.	Artificial Limes Mfg. Corpn. of India	430	487	341
6.	Assam Ashok Hotel Corpn. Ltd.	4	23	-9
7.	Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	-469	-845	-353
8.	Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.	4958	20266	-95943
9.	Bharat Heavy Plate & Vessels Ltd.	-3470	-7138	-7823
10.	Bharat Ophthalmic Glass Ltd.	0	-7997	-3845
11.	Bharat Pumps & Compressors Ltd.	1911	182	-1086
12.	Bharat Refractories Ltd.	-1532	-707	-521
13.	Bharat Wagon & Engg. Co. Ltd.	-2414	-2488	-2810
14.	Biecco Lawrie & Co. Ltd.	231	222	128
15.	Birds Jute & Exports Ltd.	-463	857	0
16.	British India Corporation Ltd.	-366	-2087	-1354
17.	Brushware Ltd.	-4	-3	-4
18.	Burn Standard Company Ltd.	-15186	-44274	-11872
19.	Cement Corpn. of India Ltd.	16661	83184	-21894
20.	Central Inland Water Transport Corpn. Ltd.	26288	-4366	-6726
21.	Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	11060	36386	-67920
22.	Fertilizer Corpn. of India Ltd.	-143259	-129400	-120985
23.	Fertilizers & Chemicals (Travancore) Ltd.	-12473	23566	-16796
24.	Heavy Engineering Corpn. Ltd.	286	-8689	-28458
25.	Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd.	20812	-4320	-3855
26.	Hindustan Cables Ltd.	-31068	-29532	-27088
27.	Hindustan Copper Ltd.	31394	10588	5598
28.	Hindustan Fertilizers Corpn. Ltd.	-106514	-96461	-87800

1	2	3	4	5
29.	Hindustan Fluorocarbons Ltd.	-931	-1005	-819
30.	Hindustan Insecticides Ltd.	566	2141	-2647
31.	Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd.	1704	-5661	640
32.	Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	-65306	-56090	-49641
33.	Hindustan Prefab Ltd.	-1463	-1383	-1340
34.	Hindustan Salts Ltd.	-43	-59	834
35.	Hindustan Shipyard Ltd.	30093	619	-790
36.	Hindustan Steel Works Costn. Ltd.	-8350	-8597	-9421
37.	Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corpn. Ltd.	-2291	-3433	-3433
38.	HMT Bearings Ltd.	-716	44	-1108
39.	HMT Chinar Watches Ltd.	-3991	-3088	-2523
40.	HMT Ltd.	5430	1327	598
41.	HMT Machine Tools Ltd.	-14978	-656	-7380
42.	HMT Watches Ltd.	-19581	-7631	-13453
43.	Hooghly Dock and Port Engineers Ltd.	-7297	-3803	-4192
44.	I T I Ltd.	-40526	-42876	-30982
45.	Indian Airlines Ltd.	-24029	4950	6561
46.	Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	-35116	-35391	-51243
47.	Instrumenation Ltd.	-2780	-2451	-1698
48.	J & K Mineral Development Corpn. Ltd.	-18	-342	-72
49.	Karnataka Trade Promotion Organisation	98	-80	-16
50.	Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd.	-23328	-23561	-30548
51.	Madhya Pradesh Ashok Hotel Corpn. Ltd.	24	-18	-21
52.	Madras Fertilizers Ltd.	-11478	-13174	-5839
53.	Mecon Ltd.	2038	1612	1073
54.	Mineral Exploration Corpn. Ltd.	5957	1621	395
55.	Nagaland Pulp & Paper Company Ltd.	-1436	-1402	-1290
56.	National Bldg. Constn. Corpn. Ltd.	8088	2803	1546
57.	National Instruments Ltd.	-160	-160	-871
58.	National Jute Manufacturers Corporation Ltd.	-79449	-42431	-59890

1	2	3	4	5
59.	National Projects Construction Corpn. Ltd.	440	226	-7084
60.	National Small Industries Corpn. Ltd.	284	125	-1148
61.	National Textile Corpn. Ltd.*	-53580	-700	-662
62.	Nepa Ltd.	-4447	-5193	-4802
63.	North Eastern Handicrafts & Handloom Dev. Corpn. Ltd.	-247	-263	-211
64.	Orissa Drugs & Chemicals Ltd.	-71	-134	0
65.	Pondicherry Ashok Hotel Corpn. Ltd.	26	21	-9
66.	Praga Tools Ltd.	9192	11651	-3439
67.	Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Ltd.	0	0	-11385
68.	Ranchi Ashok Bihar Hotel Corpn. Ltd.	30	2	-2
69.	Richardson & Cruddas (1972) Ltd.	-3762	-4259	-3306
70.	Sambhar Salts Ltd.	-95	-127	235
71.	State Farms Corporation of India Ltd.	30	-1239	-1310
72.	Triveni Structurals Ltd.	-4685	-4891	-5154
73.	Tungabhadra Steel Products Ltd.	-3750	-3008	-5752
74.	Tyre Corporation of India Ltd.	-4793	-4769	-5686
75.	Utkal Ashok Hotel Corpn. Ltd.	-117	-116	-108
	TOTAL:	-583883	-427536	-830599

*9 Subsidiaries of NTC Ltd. since merged with the holding company.

Sinking of ONGC ship

54. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an ONGC ship being operated by a private company sank in Arabian Sea off the Bombay High a few months ago;

(b) if so, the extent of loss suffered by ONGC as a result thereof; and

(c) the expected loss suffered in the exploration operations due to this mishap?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. ONGC's Offshore Supply Vessel (OSV), Samudrika-10 sank on 09.07.2007 on stand by mode in Mumbai Offshore due to bad weather.

(b) On board material such as casing pipes, barites, cement, fuel including deck cargo was lost amounting to about Rs. 1.84 Crore. The vessel was insured for Rs. 11.0 Crore.

(c) None.